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UK AMBASSADOR PARSONS TOLD AMB OCT 10 THAT WHEN CHANCELLOR
OF EXCHEQUER HEALEY HAD AN AUDIANCE WITH THE SHAH ON OCT 8
AT WHICH THE IRANIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
FINANCE ANSARY WERE PRESENT, QUESTION OF EC/IRAN PREFERENTIAL
AGREEMENT CAME UP. INITIALLY THE SHAH TOOK A HARD LINE. HEALEY
USING LARGE AMOUNT OF SOFT SOAP TOLD SHAH PREFERENTIAL
AGREEMENTS WERE INTENDED TO PERMIT FORMER COLONIES TO SELL
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THEIR PRIMARY PRODUCTS AT A FAIR PRICE TO FORMER COLONIAL

POWERS.

HE DID NOT BELIEVE SHAH WANTED IRAN TREATED AS A FORMER COLONY
AND WOULD PREFER THAT IT BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS CANADA.

SHAH AGREED.

WHEN ANSARY OBSERVED MILDLY THAT IRAN WAS NOT IN SAME STATE
OF ADVANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS CANADA THE SHAH GLOWERED
AND CONVERSATION WENT ON TO OTHER SUBJECTS IN EASY, RELAXED
ATMOSPHERE.

LATER IN THE DAY THE SHAH CALLED ANSARY AT A PARTY AND TOLD
HIM TO GO AHEAD AND RELEASE THE 2ND TRANCHE \$400 MILLION
BRITISH IRAN LOAN ON THE OUTSTANDING IRAN-BRITISH
LOAN. BRITS OF COURSE ARE DELIGHTED AND INTERPRET THIS AS
A FOLLOW-UP SIGN THAT THE SHAH HAS BACKED OFF THE EC/IRAN
QUESTION.

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